

County zoning of Lake Cooper area
(HB 1834 by Patterson/Ratliff)

DIGEST: HB 1834 would have allowed the county commissioners court of any county in which any part of Lake Cooper, Lake Alan Henry or Post Lake is located to impose zoning restrictions. The authority to zone around Lake Cooper would have included the area within 10,000 feet of where the shoreline of the lake would be if it were filled to its storage capacity.

GOVERNOR'S
REASON
FOR VETO:

This bill would allow Garza County to zone the entire area that falls within approximately two miles of the Lake Cooper shoreline. This bill would permit governmental regulation in an area larger than necessary to ensure the orderly development around the lake.

NOTES:

Rep. Pete Patterson, the author of HB 1834, had no comment.

Lake Cooper is currently under construction and will be located between Delta and Hopkins counties in northeast Texas. Current law allows Garza County to zone the areas within one mile of the high water marks of Lake Alan Henry and Post Lake, which are located within the county in the southern Panhandle.

HB 1834 passed the House on the Consent Calendar and was not analyzed in a Daily Floor Report.